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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b>  Address to: Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Docket No.	HANO-004
	Application No.	10/521,989
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	Group Art Unit	1615

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 19, 2008. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 17-19, 21 and 22, drawn to a monoglyceride and oil based mucoadhesive composition;

Group II: Claims 23-25, drawn to a method of preparing the composition of Group I in the presence of an emulsifier;

Group III: Claims 26-31, 35, 36, 41-44, 46, 47, drawn to a mucoadhesive composition comprising a monoglyceride, an oil and an insoluble drug;

Group IV: Claims 48-52, drawn to a method of preparing the formulation of Group III (drug solubilized by heating and sonification);

Group V: claims 53-56, drawn to a method of preparing the formulation of Group III (drug solubilized before addition of emulsifier); or

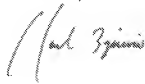
Group VI: claims 57 and 58, drawn to a method of preparing the formulation of Group III (emulsifier solubilized before addition of drug).

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of **Group III, claims 26-31, 35, 36, 41-44, 46 and 47**, with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number HANO-004.

Respectfully submitted,  
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